

Laurel Terrace (Historic Hill District, Laurel Terrace)
(Riley's Row)
294-296 Laurel Avenue
St. Paul
Ramsey County
Minnesota

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Minnesota	COUNTY Ramsey	TOWN OR VICINITY St. Paul
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Laurel Terrace (National Reg. Nomination Form)		HABS NO. MN-61
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Historic Hill District, Laurel Terrace and "Riley's Row"		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 294-296 Laurel Avenue		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1887 (Nat. Reg. Nom. Form)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Wilcox and Johnston	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Laurel Terrace is a rowhouse in Romanesque Revival style which unites a variety of materials and sculptural elements to achieve a uniquely distinctive facade within the historic district in which it lies.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Romanesque Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick with sandstone and limestone. Columns of polished granite. Laurel Terrace follows a three-story townhouse plan.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Clustered columns, gargoyles, sculpted griffins and nymphs, foliate designs on keystones and arches. Gables decorated with hex-signs and geometric patterns. Corner tower crowned with a conical roof, finial and gothic dormers.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Private residences		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The flats were built by William C. Riley, hence the secondary name "Riley's Row".		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Koeper, H.F. <u>Historic St. Paul Buildings</u> . St. Paul City Planning Board, 1964, p. 71. National Register Nomination Form: Historic Hill District (Sub-number 1-9), p. 3.		
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